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EW YORK, XMAS Eve. VETERAN.

It had increased to 1,000,000. From that is 1860 the quantity varied greatly, but avers than a million pounds annually. In 1867 in pto 17,400,000, which was the largest till 1881, when 82,381,000 pounds were extended to 1860, 18

Soliday Week in the Departments, bollday of the Government employees in the in executive departments has not ended hristmas day, as the intention is to make the week one of ease and relief from labor as far to be consistently done. In the Treasury very rork is going on. The Scenetary will not re-westing on. The Scenetary will not re-westing will be held at the Excentanion until Friday unless some extraordimergency should require it, and so far as affairs are concerned, there promises to be used as a second of the s

The Thallan Entertainment.

The Opera-House was literally packed last night, the occasion of the complimentary entertainment given by the Thallan Citub, and the audience aroughout the play evinced the strongest apprecian of the local talent displayed. The play was self-which constitute the principal basics status which constitute the principal basics status as "World and Stage," and was fully suited to the art ed histrionic powers of those taking part. To size Munis Frys was given the leading rote, and shi lady belongs the bighest encombums, for she acted, in the status of the part was considered as the same of the minerator of the part was the status of the part of the status of the part was to be given. Here seating have and the form, enhanced by between the was to be given. Here seating have and the form, enhanced by the morning, using a piece of his bed-cord, at the same time, accomplished amateurs that Washington has beard for many a day, at the same time, accomplished anateurs, that Washington has beard for many a day, as Heynisch Miss Lottle Swallow was exculsant. As Heynisch Miss L Miss Minute Frys was given the leading role, and to this lady belougs the highest encountums, for she not only understood the part she acted, but acted it in a ctyle that would require it has been as the late of the part of the most lover, and, at the same time, accomplished smateurs that Washington has heard for many a day, as Hepston Miss Lottle Swallow was excellent, and, excepting Miss Frye, carried off the honors of the ovening. Mr. J. R. Gibsturne as Daniel Deschip brothpit down the house, and was referenting the ovening. Mr. J. R. Gibsturne as Daniel Deschip brothpit down the house, and was referenting Lady Gibstory in a modest way, and Miss Lighter, in a figurant style, Misses Agres, Kennedy, Katle Frye, and Helen Mellhouny each deserve mention. Mr. S. W. Kean personned Inn. Hurry Majas in his neuts good style, and Mr. Kimbali also did well as Bottand, 'that other goodings' Mr. Kaufman articled the audiency. Mr. C. in a style that convenient of the part of the property of the property of the part of the

A New York Lad's Towaring Ambition. A New York merchant of philanthropic disposition happened to be present a day or two ago when a friend was presented with a bill for "eigans and drinks" by the errand boy of a prominent liquor-seller. The last was an unusually fine-looking young fellow, with rosy checks and an homes-countenance. The merthant took an interest in

young fellow, with rosy checks and an homest countenance. The merchant took an interest in life.

"See here, young rish." said he, "you appear to be a capable young fellow—couldn't you get something better 50 do than to grow up in the liquor business? Wouldn't you prefer something clae?" 'Yos, Str. very much," rapided the youth. "What would you like for a business?" 'I'm arraid you wouldn't like it, str, if I should tell you." he repiled. "th, yet, I shall. Speak it right out." "Wel, then, if you don't care, I want ever so much to go ou the stage. A very laudable ambition. But what the grade is a could like? Would you prefer to ack in comely or a street of the could make he a closed-sugger get the could make he a closed-sugger get.

A NINTH Chicago child is named Quit. Faw old maids are to be found in Russis FRESH SHAD are in the New York mar-

IT is proposed to build a Drange Lake to San Mateo, Fl-

PITTERUEG, Pa, is going to have a chicken show. Then the crowers will all be together

Both were colored.
The coal miners at Wheeling and vicinity have struck for an advance in wages from forty to fifty cents a car.

Iowa has no debt, except its outstanding war bonds due in 1883, and a school debt which it could pay at any time.

Mr. HENRY W. CARTER, of Oglethorpe County, Ga. aged about seventy-one years, has never ridden on a railroad.

TURKIPS soldiers have recovered from their wounds in a marvelous manner in many in-stances, owing to their strictly temperals lives. "PLL pray for you," is the late local slang term among the sacrilegious hoodiums. I'll prey upon you would come much nearer their practice.

FATHER to son just from college: "What have you learned at your college?" "We never earn anything. They don't let you see the

newspapers."

A CALIFORNIA school-teacher is still living with sixteen buckshot in his body. He so-duced a girl, and her father is loading up for a second shot.

months: Since then she has married mu.

Hilliand Mondan, a mulatto, aged thirtyfive years, was hanged at Goldsboro', N. C., on
Friday, for burglary. Morgan had generally
sustained a bad character, and was the third
of four brothers who shared the same terrible
fits.

LAST WHER 2,925 New Yorkers were arrested, and only 586 were born. It would appear from this that New Yorkers are arrested, not only as fast, but faster than they are been appeared to the state of the

A BROOKLYN doctor said on the witness stand the other day: "Many of-my patients are in love with me, but I cannot help that for it is a common experience among medical men."

"Yrs, my son,"said a fond parent to his at-tentive son, "the very hairs of our heads are numbered." "Humph!" exclaimed the youth, garing inquiringly upon the baldness of the aged parent's head, "that's nothing."

In the first nine mouths of this year the losses by fire in this country were \$50,000,000; Canada, \$27,000,000. The losses for the same period last year were \$47,000,000 for this country, and \$25,000,000 less for the two countries than this year.

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THIRTY-SIX thousand square miles of coal, in veins twelve feet thick, underlie the State of Illinois. And yet you can go into an Illinois church any cold Sunday and freeze the feet clear off you and eatch a cold that will last you till the millenium.

to sad Refutation of the Charges

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r Nutional Republican:

1. We desire, by your kind permission, to concet, through the columns of your valuable,

c, statements made in an article which aped in THE REPUBLICAN ON Christmes Des from the Philadelphia Times, damaging (cal Estate Loan and Trust Company of th

The business of the company, as stated in its charice, is, first, to examine titles to freshold properly, and, when found good, to certify the ammer second, to turnsh an improved form of real-estage content and to make the second to turnsh an improved form of real-estage notice and bonds for the use of persons who desire notice and bonds for the use of persons who desire notice and to make the second to t

A NIGHT ADVENTURE.

Sottstees behind bits. He turned shout and beheld his whilem adversary, the sahied hus of pursessor of the female sex, with the resor in greater prominence than before. Our young hero took in the situation at a glance and beat a rapid retreat. He was no, less successful in effecting his escape from the darkey than the latter had been in getting away from the "cop."

The young hero aforesaid states that ordinarily he carries a heavily-plated pistol, but that fortunately he had left the deadily weapon in the office. Had he been provided with this means of defense he fears that to day there would have been a promising journalist in durance vite under the exaspersting charge of having forcibly decreased the next census.

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Unsuccessful Attempt at Wife Murder and Saintide.

8r. Louis, Dec. 26.—Between one and two o'clock this morning, Charles Ryberg, a wiper in the shop of the Indianspolis and 8t. Louis Road, East St. Louis, attempted to murder his wife, while she was lying in bed asleep. He struck her four heavy blows on the head with a poteton-masher, rendoring her insonable. Thinking his wife was dead, he shot himself just beste of the right temple with a small Deringer, but this not producing the desired result, he cut two deep gashes across his left wrist, severing the tendons and arreies, from which blood flowed copiously. Soon after Mrs. Ryberg recovered her senses and found her heaband lying insensible out the floor. By great effort she arrowed the neighbors. A doctor was sens for and the wounds of both attended to. Neither are supposed to be failly hart, but Ryberg is in a critical condition her Ausband's act to temporary invanity, caused by her Ausband's act to temporary invanity, caused by eighness last summer. He has had, he says, two or three similar attacks, but in neither of them did he commit any violence.

"Oh, sir, if I could only be a clog-dancer?"

Festival at the Congressional Church. The Sunday school entertainment of this church was a most enjoyable affair last evening. The lecture room was filled to overflowing by the scholars and their friends. The programme was mustained in filterary and delighted the sunday standard and liberary and delighted the sunday sunday sunday support of the scholars and their friends. The programme was mustained inference are sirved afterward, and slighted state twenty or other schools and slighted state of these are fed with British food. The sixty by rail last evening. These troops are the of these are fed with British food. The sixty by rail last evening. These troops are the first friends are served afterward, and altogether he programme was mustained from the support of the sunday of the schools of the sunday of the lib Grands for several morning with three fed clear of friends and the friends are served afterward, and altogether he programme was most happy one.

A CHRISTMAS MURDER.

JACK CASH" SHOT DOWN IN THE STREET.

About half-past five o'clock last Tuesday evenlog a deliberate murder was committed on the
sidewalk on the south-side of Pennsytvania avenue,
near the corner of Third street southeast. John
Lee, otherwise known as "Jack Cash," a
young colored man, was approached and
slot down by another, supposed to be
samuel Clark. All the warning that the murderer gave to his victim was the words, "You are
just the man I want to see," upon which he thrust
his pisted into Lee's face and fired. The ball entered at the inner conver of the left eys. Lee was
carried to his home, No. 143 A street southeast, and
died about half-past eight o'clock. The report of
the pisted did not attract general attention, as the
sound of pistols and fire-crackers, first by persons colebrating Christmas Day, could be constantly heard.

The police had very little clue upon which to
discover

Timothy Ragan, in front of whose house the shooting occurred, testified that he was standing by his slow and heard the shock but poid no attention when the same and the shock but poid no attention was easiled, he saw a man running down Third street and another lying on the payement.

5. H. Martin, who was standing near the scene, described what occurred, and gave a described of the man who fired similar to that given by other witnessees.

THE VERDICT. The jury, after a short deliberation, vertiet that Lee came to his death by pistol-shot fired by Samuel Clark.

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The Coal Combination.

NEW Yors, Dec. 26.—The presidents of the different coal companies are considering the propriety of establishing a coal exchange, or at least a place of meeting in the Coal and Iron Exchange, where their sale agents may meet every day for the purpose of decling what is best for the trade and offering what coal may be on hand. It is the intention to revive an old charter and establish a regular exchange as soon as possible.

A Natural Curtosity.

Mr. Edward Mills, of this city, last week, while shooting on the farm of Mr. Lewis, near Mount Vernon, killed a pure white partridge. As it is such a curiosity of nature he has turned it over to the authorities at the Smithsonian Institute.

Gen. Grant Gooe to Malta.
PALERNO, SICILY, Dec. 26,—Gen. Grant left hereo-day for Malta.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

DENVER, Cot., Dec. 28.—D. W. Rosa, of Spring-field, Ill., a well-known ratiroad man, died here this morning. CHICAGO, Dec. M.—Hon. W. W. Heston, of Dixon, III., and Chief Justice for the new Appellate Court for this district, died very suddenly here to-day of

heart disease.

New York, Dec. 26.—Edward Trickets, of Sydney, Australia, has accepted Charles E. Courtney's challenge to row a single scull race for \$10,000 and the champlonship of the world.

Borros, Dec. 26.—Ann McCullum, arrested on Montay for bettal treatment of a little grit named Emily E. Harrison, who died on Sunday, was to-day arraigned in the Municipal Court and heid in the sum of \$10,000.

MODERN CIVIL SERVICE.

the first trade, national banks, greenbacks, specific payments, see, specific payments, see, specific payments, see, specific payments, see, officer of the Government should be permitted to take a part.

The great question, however, is (aside from its wisdom or fully,) has the President the power as unsed in this circular?

It will not do to say that the power is derived through the power to make appointments, because appointments are for official service. Outside of such service, the civil and political triple of an appointments are for official service. Outside of the President. They remains a control of the President.

by the Constitution. But here is promising a disw enacted solely by the President. I say the above circular has all the clements of a law in its requirements and its penalty. The panalty for diso-bedience is political decapitation.

Those in office, and flowe who desire office, are the control of the cont

Another Savings Hank Closed Up. Another Savings Hank Closed Up,
PATTERSON, N. J., Dec. 26.—The Passid Company's Savings Bank is to close up. The depositors will be notified to morrow to draw their money on January 5. The concern is a stock company with \$150,000 capital, \$150,000 paid up. The upposits amount to \$120,000, having been run down to the extent of \$100,000 within a year. Ex-Mayor Watson, while president of the bank, borrowed \$9,000 from it on worthless securities and failed soon afterward. E. H. Mason, a leading director, also borrowed \$16,000 from the bank, mostly unsecured, and failed last apring. New Jersey Mid-secured, and failed last apring to secure the depositors against loss.

Amusements at Deadwood.

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Daniwood, D. T., Dec. & Edward Trimpy, went into a saloon this morning, and there became engaged in a dispute about some missing money, with Kitly Sparrow, better known among the sporing fraternity as "Tricks." The quarrel fluship resulted in the shooting of Trianpy by "Tricks." The wound is considered fatal.

TRUTH OF HISTORY.

dred yards of each other, when Engineer Weeks, of the express, discovered the freight approaching. He at offer reversed his empirical and applied the af-brake, when he and his ferman jumped, the fire-nan reserving no highly. Weeks excepted with the disconded hable, discovered his discovered his empirical and his discovered his empirical and his discovered his discovered his empirical and his discovered his discovered his empirical and his discovered his discovered his ways. "No fallure has occurred in Wall street for many months that has exused more commont. The members of whom was killed histantly, and the legs of the former of the first mean originally from Chefmelt, and the discovered his way has been discovered his meming." An official street first meming, and the trials between the first freight car and heafly wrecked. The passenger engths was less damaged, and the train behind the first beginter of the care to the other, but was not injured. The express messenger was thrown from one end of the care to the other, but was not injured. The responsibility for the accident rests on the dispatcher, who, it is said, realized his fulture to head borrowed money on time, inquiring if their conditions was a the condition of the care flower of the first means originally from Chefmelt and the history of the first place of the care to the other, but was not be end to be a second of the care to the other, but was not be a second of the care to the other but was not be a second of the care to the other but was not be a second of the care to the other but was not be a second of the care to the other but was not be a second of the care to the other but was not be a second of the care to the other but was not be a second of the care to the other but was not be a second of the care to the other but was not be a second of the care to the other but was not be a second of the care to the other but was not be a second of the care to compose the firm, was at the cought to the care to the care to constitute product the care to con

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Secretary Bell's Libel Suit Dismissed.

New York, Dec. 26.—Judge Spelr rendered a decision to day on the demurrer raised by defining ants to the suit for \$100,000 damages for libel, brought by Aloneo Bell, Assistant Secretary of the Interior, vs. The San Publishing Company. The sileged libel was contained in an innuendo (as plantiff holts was contained in the Son article that the plaintiff procured money for his wife the gally under an assumed name by having her entered as clerk in her maiden name. The demurrer was that the facts stated din not constitute canse of action, and that the complaint was defective in not making complainant's wife a party to the action, and that the complaint was defective in not making complainant's wife a party to the action, and that the complaint was defective in not making complainant's wife a party to the action, and that the complaint was defective in not making complainant's wife a party to the action, and that the complaint was defective in not making complainant's wife a party to the action, and that the complaint was defective in not making complainant's wife a party to the action. And the contained may be a party to the action of the contained can be action to plaintiff must allegs and prove special damage by reason of the works complaint does not charge that money was got under an assumed name, the maiden mane not being an assumed one. Second, even if the language was actionable the action should be on the solution and controlled that the action and the maintained and currency, and it would not be surjeing if the control of the millions.

Bale of a Hailroad.

RELIMONN VA. Dec. 26.—Receiver Wickham, special commissioner appointed by the Circuit court of Richmond, will sell on the 2d of April the Charges and Dish Ball on the 2d of April the Charges and

Killed in a Drunken Seuffle.

AFFAIRS IN EUROPE.

ERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST PRESE-DENT M'MAHON.

Proposed Coup d'Etat-Dying of Cold-A New Italian Ministr.

he Servians Capture Cattle and Provisio BELGRADE, Dec. 26.—The Servians, under G rals Leschjanin and Benitzki, have occup

ALLEGATIONS AS TO M'NAHON'S INTEXTIONS.
LONDON, Dec. 37.—The Parks correspondent of the Times amonumes that citally six 'appointments of new prefectoral secretaries will be incorred. Reposition papers confined to assert that a corp of tell was preparing during the recent natisaterial crists. The Hims Public may the Bonapartist general, Bouad, as few days before the termination of the crists, conferred with several generals on-such an eventuality.

The Pronee declares that the troops at Versallles and elsewhere near Paris were provided with a large supply of cartridges, and that many officers drew up their resignations on receiving orders to be in readiness to march.

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THE NEW MINISTRY NOMINATED.

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Sale of a Hailroad.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 26.—Receiver Wickham, special commissioner appointed by the Circuit Court of Richmond, will sell on the 26 of April the Chesspeake and Ohio Railroad, with all its feauthies and privileges. The road extends from Richmond to Huntington, a distance of 429 miles.

Rilled in a Drunken Scuffle.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Early pesierday morning two friends, under the influence of liquior, were scuffling in a saloon, and finally came to blows, when one, financed John Desmond, was struck on the head with a pitcher by the other, named William Powers. Exemond: a kull was fractured and he died to day. Powers is in jail.